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TAGS: MARR, MASS, PFOR, EGEN, TH

SUBJECT: MUNITIONS PRODUCTION IN THAILAND

1. WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION MUNITIONS CONTROL
LICENSES (MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREEMENT AND HARDWARE
LICENSE APPLICATION) FOR BERMITE CORP. TO ESTABLISH AN
AMMUNITION PLANT IN THAILAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH US MUNI-
TIONS CONSORTIUM (THAILAND) LTD. SECTION 36(D) OF ARMS
EXPORT CONTROL ACT REQUIRES THAT ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AND MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH NON-NATO COUN-
TRIES INVOLVING THE MANUFACTURE ABROAD OF ANY ITEM OF
SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT ON THE US MUNITIONS LIST BE
REPORTED TO CONGRESS BEFORE SUCH APPROVAL IS GIVEN. SINCE
NEW ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ALL NOTIFI-
CATIONS BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS, WE ARE NOT IN A
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POSITION TO PROVIDE POLICY APPROVAL OF EITHER BERMITE
REQUESTS FOR MUNITIONS LICENSE AT THE MOMENT.

2. TO ASSIST US IN REVIEWING THESE CASES, DEPARTMENT
FEELS EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE RTG THAT USG CANNOT APPROVE
OR DISAPPROVE ACTIVITIES OF US MUNITIONS CONSORTIUM
(THAILAND) LTD. OR VOUCH FOR ITS BONA FIDES. SUCH IS

CASE BECAUSE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO DETERMINE THAT COMPANY

IS U.S. CORPORATE ENTITY. NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN
FACT COMPANY IS OFFSPRING OF U.S. MUNITIONS CONSORTIUM,
INC. IS AVAILABLE. USMC IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN
TRANSACTION.

3. RTG SHOULD FURTHER BE INFORMED THAT, FOR AFOREMEN-
TIONED REASONS, USG NOT IN POSITION TO APPROVE AIR CHIEF
MARSHAL KAMOL'S LETTER OF INTENT DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1976,
WHICH IS IN FACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. MUNITIONS
CONSORTIUM (THAILAND) LTD. AND RTG. DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE
NO FURTHER ACTION ON MATTER UNTIL IT ASSURED RTG WISHES
PROCEED WITHOUT USG ASSURANCES RE CONSORTIUM.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ADVISE SOONEST POSITION ON ABOVE
APPROACH AND RTG DESIRES IN THIS MATTER. (FYI: BERMITE
HAS INTERESTED CONGRESSMAN GOLDWATER IN MATTER).

5. BERMITE/KAMOL DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED EMBASSY.
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